Hi everyone…

CREATIVE CUBISM

CREATIVITY, DESIGN, TECHNOLOGY, ARTS!!! Students in Grade 5/6 have been looking at the works of one of the most famous abstract artists of the 20th Century, Pablo Picasso. They are being challenged to create their own cubist interpretation of a face; not in the traditional media of paint or pastel, but rather by designing and constructing the face using timber and other 3-D materials. This term, the Art Academy group has a similarly design-oriented task: the group is designing and constructing a free-standing arch using newspaper and lots of clever techniques.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS:
At our meeting on Monday evening, Council approved the Grade 2 Sleepover scheduled for 20th March, and the Grade 5/6 Urban Camp. We also discussed the purchase of a new management/reporting/admin package that the school will introduce during this term. This package, Compass, is being implemented in a number of local schools, including Wangaratta High School. It provides for production of semester progress reports to parents, an easier method of collating student data and information, the means to electronically record attendance and a number of other administrative tasks. In coming months it will offer parents the ability to do tasks such as electronically returning permission forms or absence notes, and booking parent-teacher interviews. Watch this space!!

School Council will hold its AGM on 16th March. All school community members are welcome to attend this meeting at 6.30pm in the Library. Our newly-formed Council will meet for their first General Meeting following this. If you have not yet returned a nomination form, they are due to the office by 4pm today.

FRESH FRUIT MONDAYS: The junior school children will continue to be provided with fresh fruit & vegie platters on Monday mornings, thanks to generous donations by school families. If you (or your business) would like to make a donation to keep this program going, please let Nicole know. The cost per week is $50. At this time we have received generous donations from Quantech Design (the Feldtmann family) and from the Lovett family. The program is valued by school council, staff and students as it gives all children the opportunity to try different fruits and vegetables which they may not do at home (peer pressure can be a positive thing too!) and to share a healthy snack with their classmates. We will again need a team of volunteers for our ‘fruit roster’. If you can help on a Monday morning, please let Renee Sayers or your child’s teacher know.

PUPIL FREE DAY: Monday, 25th May was approved by School Council as one of our three remaining pupil-free days. Teachers will use this day to work on students’ mid-year reports. Just Kids will be open on this day.

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Just Kids currently has vacancies for after school care. Please contact Gina on 5721 4799 for bookings.

EXCITEMENT MOUNTING! When I visited the Grade 6 rooms this week, they were right in the middle of forming their groups for the upcoming Gr 5/6 Melbourne Urban Camp. The children, along with teachers, parents and support staff leave for Melbourne on the early train on Monday, 2nd March. They have a full itinerary with ice-skating, a beach visit, Science Works, Queen Victoria Market, Old Melbourne Gaol, the Eureka Tower and other significant landmarks. While in the city, students experience using the tram network, and do lots of walking and learning about city life. Their Quest, Wonderful Wangaratta vs Marvellous Melbourne, asks them to compare and contrast the advantages of living in the two cities and to convince others of the merits of one over the other.

Wendy Larcombe

Grade 3/4 Bridge Walk

On Thursday, 26th February the Grade 3 and 4 students will be walking through Wangaratta to Apex Park as part of their Quest, “Build a Bridge”. We will be leaving school at 9.30am, having a picnic lunch in the park and returning to school by 3pm. The cost is $5 for those who have not paid the excursion levy.

Nihongo News

Over the next couple of weeks, Grades 3~6 will be looking at famous JP companies and investigating the meanings and origins of their names. We’ve already done some brainstorming to gather names of JP companies that are part of our everyday life, such as Honda, Fujitsu & Ryobi. Gr5S & Gr6M did the best and each came up with 15 company names. Keep your eyes and ears open, kids, and see how many more you can come up with to add to your grade’s list. Gr1~2 did some hiragana games this week. Our new Preps also had their first look at hiragana and it was quite spectacular. The kids did very well and Brady O (Prep F) even managed to read some two part words.

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips

Perhaps last week’s nazonazo was too easy. The biggest city on the island of Shikoku is Matsuyama. For this week’s nazonazo, tell us what’s so unusual about fishing for Ayu. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!

APPA HAPPENINGS

APPA meeting Monday, 2nd March in the staffroom @ 6.30pm . All welcome.

Term 1, 2015 bus fees should now be paid. It is a DEECD guideline that bus fees should be paid in advance, in full. Contact Fay at WHS for more information.
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

*The Appin Park Community congratulates you. Students will be awarded their certificates at Friday’s Assembly*

**PF** Chloe Cooper for always completing her learning tasks to a high standard and for being a brave writer. Keep up the great work, Chloe.

**P/1S** Imogen Walkerden for her positive attitude when attempting any task given to her. She always tries her best and is such a valued member of P/1S! Congratulations, Imogen.

**1B** Seth Saunders for the fantastic effort he has been putting into our PMP sessions. He listens to instructions given and uses feedback from the Grade 6 leaders to improve his skills. A great role model for others!

**2E** Claudia Trim for working well in group activities and for helping those who require extra assistance. Well done, Claudia.

**2M** Samia Meloury for her focused listening to instructions and completing tasks to a very high standard.

**3G** Gemma Nolan for having a great start to Grade 3 by always being checked in and ready to learn.

**4R** Matthew Bell for the enthusiasm and interest he is displaying during our Bridges Quest. He is demonstrating team work and creativity when constructing bridges. Great work, Matthew.

**4V** Samuel Mullens for displaying great sportsmanship during PE and sport sessions. Well done!

**5K** Amelia Weimer for always being able to work on tasks quietly and independently. Keep it up, Amelia.

**5S** Lacey Sessions for the interesting writing that she is doing in her Writer’s Notebook.

**6C** Aaron Gregory for working really hard during PE fitness sessions, in order to improve his speed when running. Great effort, Aaron!

**6M** Zack Watson for the very mature and responsible approach that he has displayed from the beginning of the school year. He has shown great consideration of others, both his peers and when working with younger students.

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**Musician of the Week**

*Sheridan McDonald* for being such a great helper and helping teach the grade 4 class the "Sticks and Stomps" drumstick dance routine. You’re really standing out as a great classmate.

*Felicity Camplin* for being such a great part of the Grade 2 class band. You are a great helper for Riley so you can both play your keyboard parts really well. Keep it up.

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**Artist of the Week**

*Kira Geue* for her detail and great painting of her Nickle Nackle Bird. Well done, Kira!

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**WANGARATTA CBD WALK**

The grade 5 & 6 students will be visiting the Wangaratta CBD on Wednesday 25th February, leaving at 11:30 and returning by 1:30. We will visit significant buildings and attractions as part of our Quest comparing living in Melbourne and Wangaratta. The cost of the excursion for those who haven’t yet paid their excursion levy is $4.

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**Attention Prep Parents**

Prep students and parents will not have interviews next week (Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th) as your scheduled appointments on Wednesdays cover this time. If you have any concerns or queries please remember you can pop in either before or after school or contact the school by phone or email.
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